

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 5, and 13 being independent. Claims 1-21 have been amended by this response. Reconsideration and allowance of Applicant's claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,144,991 to England ("England"). It is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been rendered moot in light of the amendments to claims 1-21.

England describes a system that allows a guide to interact with one or more clients participating in an interactive session over the World Wide Web. The guide is provided with a special purpose browser including locally displayable frames and remotely displayable frames. The clients employ a conventional browser. The remotely displayable frames of the guide are transmitted to the clients so that the guide and clients have identical views of the remotely displayable frames. The guide and clients can interact with a shared pointer and shared whiteboard.

Applicant's claims 1, 5, and 13 recite, among other things, facilitating a white board collaboration between a first client, a second client, and a third client. A first object and a second object are selectively generated for display at locations on a White Board screen of the first client. The generated first and second objects are transmitted and accumulated for selective distribution to each of the other clients of the collaboration. The first and second objects are filtered "to provide within the collaboration selective retransmission of the first object for display on a White Board screen of the second and third clients, and of the second object for display on the White Board screen of the third client." England does not describe at least these features of Applicant's claims.

As recited in Applicant's claim, a collaboration takes place between at least three clients and during the collaboration a first object and a second object associated with the white board of the first client are filtered. The filtering causes selective retransmission of the objects such that the first and second objects are presented to the third client; however, only the second object is presented to the third client. In marked contrast, within a collaboration (i.e., within a session)

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England's system requires that **all commands** be forwarded to **all clients of a session** (See, e.g., col. 8 l. 66 to col. 9 l. 2, col. 32 ll. 48-51, col. 27 ll. 26-28, col. 30 ll. 26-28). Therefore, it is impossible for the system of England to filter objects for selective transmission between clients participating in a collaboration (or session) as recited in Applicant's claims. As a result, England does not provide each and every element of Applicant's claims 1, 5, and 13, and cannot be said to anticipate these claims.

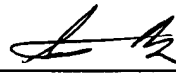
Claims 2-4, 6-12, and 14-21 depend from claims 1, 5, and 13, respectively, and are believed allowable for at least the reasons given above for claims 1, 5, and 13.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-21 as being anticipated by England be reconsidered and withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of the same is respectfully solicited. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-0967. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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